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TELETYPED INFORMATION REPORT

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DISSEMINATION CONTROLS [redacted]

TDCS -3/380,949

DATE DISTR. 11 December 1958

PRECEDENCE [X] ROUTINE

COUNTRY USSR/India

PLACE ACQUIRED [redacted]

SUBJECT Unidentified Object Observed in the Sky

DATE OF INFORMATION 6 December 1958

REFERENCES

APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE) [redacted]

SOURCE [redacted]

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Headquarters Comment: A preliminary check showed that Sputnik III was not within source's area of visibility at the time indicated, nor is the direction cited in agreement with computed orbits. The carrier rocket for Sputnik III reentered the earth's atmosphere on 3 December 1958 according to a Soviet announcement.

Headquarters Comment: Evaluation requested of Air and OSI

Field Dissemination: None

End of Message

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TO: ACSI AF. NAVY. JCS. OSD. STATE. NSA, [redacted]

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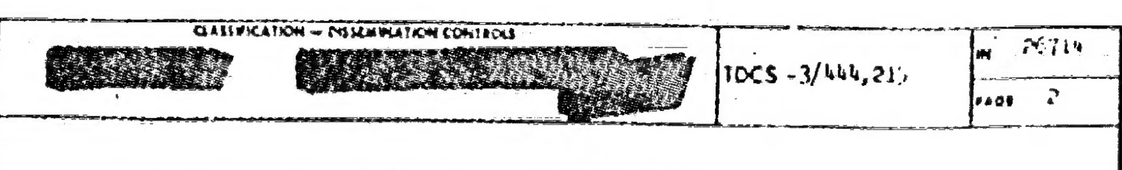
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5. (FIELD COMMENT: OBJECT IMPACTED PRIOR TO REACHING THE CASPIAN.)

6. FIELD DISSEMINATION: NONE INDICATED.

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